

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 14, 2021, with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Notice of Voluntary Resignation for Angela Knox effective December 17, 2021.
Clerk of Court submitted the fees collected report for the month of November 2021.
River Bend Transit submitted FY21 Financial Statement and Single Audit Report.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on December 10, 2021, to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429546 for \$1,643.46-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of December 7, 2021.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve Claim Disbursements #429395 - #429545 paid on December 9, 2021.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 9:00 a.m., Kristine Bullock, Director Workplace Learning Center met with the Board for FY22/23 funding review. Bullock gave a power point presentation on statistics on Cedar County. Bullock explained there was a decrease in internships due to the difficulty with COVID. Discussion was held. The board requested Auditor Dauber to provide Bullock a departmental listing. Current County funding for The Workplace Learning Connection is \$1,834.00. The Workplace Learning Connection is requesting funding of \$.10 per capita based off the 2020 census for a total amount of \$1,850.50, an increase of \$16.50 in funding. Bullock appreciates the County's support. No decision was made.

At 9:30 a.m., Rod Ness of the Cedar County Economic Development Commission (C.C.E.D.C.O.) met with the Board for a FY22/23 funding review. Ness distributed a handout and discussed leveraging assets, FY22/23 opportunities, Home Base Iowa Program, and budget. Current County funding for C.C.E.D.C.O. is \$80,634 and Home Base Iowa funding is \$7,500. C.C.E.D.C.O. is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

At 9:45 a.m., Becky Allgood of the Wilton Development Corporation met with the Board for a FY22/23 funding review. Allgood provided the 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Dues to the board members. Discussion was held. Current County funding for the Wilton Development Corporation is \$1,000.00. Wilton Development Corporation receives \$500.00, and Hwy 38 Corridor receives \$500.00. Allgood is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

At 10:00 a.m., Randy Zobrist, Director of River Bend Transit met with the Board for a FY22/23 funding review. Zobrist distributed River Bend Transit FY22/23 budget request which included a five-year service data of rides and service costs and explained how COVID-19 impacted all the services. Overall, River Bend Transit has experienced a reduction of approximately 50% ridership since March 2020. RBT did receive CARES act funding which allowed them to fully compensate employees during this suspension. Zobrist informed the Board they are focusing on county services, conduct service surveys, and develop a strategic plan to better meet rider needs to rethink our entire approach to rural transportation service in response to the impacts of the past

two years. Current County funding for River Bend Transit is \$16,965.00. River Bend Transit is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Noah Coppess, Farm Bureau President met with the Board. Engineer Fangmann was present. Coppess apologized for the absence of the prior scheduled meeting. Coppess relayed the concerns from Farm Bureau members are the following topics: Navigator Pipeline, Highway 30 expansion, and eminent domain. The board is not in favor of the Navigator Pipeline and eminent domain. Coppess requested contact information to pass on to other interested parties. Discussion was held. Coppess informed the board that he will represent on the EMS Advisory Committee serving as the President of Farm Bureau. Coppess stated the county is ag friendly and appreciates the working relationship with the Engineer.

Sup. Kaufmann left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board to request funding approval for playground equipment for two parks and campground upgrade with the ARPA funds. The Board's consensus was to have this topic on the agenda next Tuesday.

Alta Medea Peters, Domestic Violence Intervention Program (D.V.I.P.) met, via conference, with the Board for a FY22/23 funding request. Medea Peters informed the Board they have provided services to an additional 1,000 victim-survivors in Cedar County from last year. D.V.I.P has seen an increase in hotline calls of 28% per month since May 2020. Medea Peters informed the Board that due to the cut in funding the past two years they are requesting all entities increase their funding by 25%. Current County funding for the D.V.I.P is \$5,800. Medea Peters is requesting an increase of \$1,450 in funding. Medea Peters greatly appreciates making Domestic Violence Intervention Program a priority. No decision was made.

Auditor Dauber met with the Board to discuss reprecincting election polling sites. Dauber provided handouts and explained the trend of the absentee voting, difficulty in precinct officials and savings of combining election precincts. Dauber stated this is not a political, this process takes place every ten years due to the census and certification to the Secretary of State. There will be two public hearings on December 21 and December 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the board room for public input.

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to adjourn at 12:12 p.m., to December 21, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson